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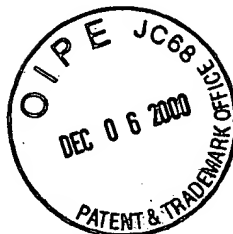
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Takeshi BANDO et al.

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Filed: June 11, 1999

For: CONTAINER WITH A HINGED LID



Group Art Unit: 3727

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the attention of the USPTO is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of September 18, 2000, and the USPTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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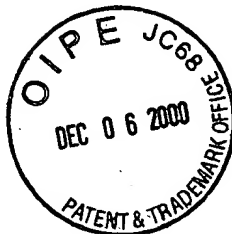
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